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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q1 ~~The~~ The present application claims priority to U.S. patent application No. 60/158,338, filed October 7, 1999, now abandoned, and U.S. application No. 60/158,425, filed October 7, 1999, now abandoned, herein each incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q2 ~~This~~ This application is also related to U.S. patent application No. 09/056,556, filed April 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,350,456; U.S. patent application No. 09/223,040, filed December 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,544,522; U.S. patent application No. 09/287,849, filed April 7, 1999, now pending for issuance; and published PCT application No. WO99/51748, filed April 7, 1999 (PCT/US99/07717), herein each incorporated by reference in its entirety.